of perhaps the last public message Governor Montague will communicate to a legislative body in the State.

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It is understood that instead of sending the paper to the two houses to be read by the clerks, the Governor will depart from this custom, and read the document personally before a joint session of the two houses in the hall of the lower branch. This has never been done in the present generation, but it is said that all the old Governor's pursued the course of personally reading their messages to the Legislature, so the Governor may be reviving an ancient custom rather than abreasting one. There is little doubt that this departure will bring many visitors to the Capitol to-day.

The two Houses will be called to order promptly at noon by their respective

promptly at noon by their respective clerks. These officers will preside until permanent organizations are perfected by the election of the nominees of last

Have Joint Session.

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The Senate session will be opened with prayer by Dr. F. T. McFaden, of the Presbyterian Church, and the Invocation on the House side will be offered by Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil, of the same denomination. Clerk Button will read the communication in the Senate from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, showing what members of that body were legally elected, and this service will be performed in the House by Clerk John W. Williams.

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The next step will be to swear the members and this will be done by the clerks. As soon as the presiding officers are chosen they will take charge and wield the gavels until the two Houses are completely organized. The usual committees will be named to wait upon the Governor, and it is expected that HIS Excellency will appear personally before a joint session in the House Hell and read his message. A few bills may be effected to-day, but no real business can be transacted until the committees are appointed and organized.

NO OPPOSITION IN SENATE CAUCUS

Judge Mann Responds Feelingly to Endorsement of Colleagues.

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About thirty senators and half as many outsiders, including a number of former inembers were present when the caucus was called to order about \$130 o'clock by Judge William Hodges Mann, of Nottoway, chairman of the body during the last Legislature.

The hour of meeting was announced for \$0 o'clock, but the senators came in delaurely and spent a preliminary half shour pleasantity gossiping, shaking hands over old times, and becoming acquainted with new members. Several wandered about the corridors admiring the new Capitol. Contrary to expectation, the half of the oid House and not the Comporation Court room was used for the caucus. The hall was bare and excessively dusty. The members sat about in chairs temporarily placed in the room, the majority of them holding coats and hats in their laps. The spectators 'lined' up against the walls, standing.

There was not the barest discentible dicker of sensation in the Senate caucus, beyond the very brief speech of Judge Mann containing an echo from the recent gubernatorial campaign in which he was a candidate. The proceeding theoretical was political 'love feas."

was a candidate. The proceeding throughout was a political "love feast," as it is called, the entire staff of old officers being renominated without op-

then thotion of Mr. Shackelford, Democratic floor leader in the Senate, Judge Mann wass again made chairman of the caucus, the vote being hearty and unanimous. Judge Mann responded feelingly

imous. Judge Mann responded feelingly to the honor shown him by his colleagues, which he regarded as a signal manifestation of their confidence in his devotion to the party. His response was brief, but pointed.

"During the recent campaign," declared the late candidate for Governor, "I was assailed by a number of Virginia newspapers, which questioned my Democracy, and I am deeply sensible of the honor of this unantinous endorsemmet of the Democratic nemators of Virginia. From my heart, I thank you."

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Great applause greeted his statement, and the caucus, naming Mr. George T. Rison, of Pittsylvante, as its secretary, thereafter proceeded at once and without further incident to nominate the officers of the Senate. The nominations were made unanimously, as follows:

President, pro tem., Henry T. Wickham, of Hanover.

only of the chairman. Judge Mann announced that he would name the Steering Committee to-day or to-morrow. This committee will select all the working committees of the Senate and will report to a meeting of the caucus to be held as soon as its work is completed. The Steering Committee is composed of five Senators, three of whom will be old members. The chairman will be Senator George S. Shackeiford.

Thirty-two of the thirty-three Democratic members of the Senate were in attendance at the caucus session, the only absentee being Mr. C. Harding Walker, of Northumberland. Those present were: Charles J. Anderson, J. Law reace Campbell, John S. Chapman, Edward Echols, M. J. Fulton, W. A. Garrett, B. T. Gunter, A. C. Harman, A. R. Hobbs, S. W. Holt, George B. Keezell, Charles T. Lassiter, B. W. Lynn, Lewis H. Machen, William Hodges Mann, John C. Niemeer. Hobbs, S. W. Holi, George B. Keezell, Charles T. Lassiter, B. W. Lynn, Lewis H. Machen, William Hodges Mann, John C. Niemeyer, Camm Patteson, Archer A. Phegar, George T. Rison, F. B. Roberts, Joseph P. Sadler, W. W. Sale, J. Boyd Scars, George S. Shackelford, William Shanda, F. W. Sims, P. P. St. Clair, A. E. Strode, F. S. Tavenner, A. F. Thomas, Henry T. Wiesham, T. Ashby Wickham,

ONLY ONE COLLOQUY IN HOUSE CAUCUS

Hon. W. W. Baker, or Chesterfield, who has served more terms than any other members, though not continuously, called the House caucus to order in the assembly room of the Mechanics' lusti-

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tute at 8:30 P. M., and Hon, John W., Churchman, of Augusta, was made permanent chalman. Hon. Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, was re-elected.

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Mr. Churchman thanked the body for Mr. Churchman thanked the body for the honor conferred upon him in a few forceful words, and Charlie Bland said: "Gentlemen of the caucus, I thank you." There were eighty-four of the eighty-eight members present, the only absen-tees being Messrs, Guarrant, of Frank-lin; Owen, of Prince Edward, and Stan-field and Williams, of Washington. Nearly everything was done by accla-mation, and all the members were in fine spirits.

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is a faithful and, enterent officer, is should be retained."

After Mr. Williams had been chosen unanimously, the only cross firing of the evening arose, and it afforded a rare treat to the members.

Mr. Mitchell, of Rockbridge, nominated Mr. J. M. Johnston for his own successor as sergeant-at-arms, and Colonel Caton seconded the nomination.

Mr. Petiti presented the name of Mr. Andrew Jackson Taylor, and in the course of his remarks admitted that Mr. Taylor had sometimes voted the independent ticket. Mr. Ould seconded Mr. Taylor, and Dr. Powell, familiarly known as "Uncle Sam," arose and took off his big storm coat and great cheering. He took his friend from Fluvanna to task for advocating in a Democratic caucus a man who had not always supported the party. "These, tell us now," said Dr. Powell, "These, tell us now," said Dr. Powell,

ype of the Democracy of Virginia." Mr. Pettit-"That's what Jack said every time he voted the independent

Here Dr. Snead chimed in and observed Here Dr. Snead chimed in and observed that it was in bad taste for Dr. Powell to refer to party records when he had come to the House as an independent. This resised the ire of "Uncle Sam," and he would be heard. Dr. Snead tried to get him off his fest by raising points of order, but there were cries of "go on," and he went.

"The gentleman from Princess Anne has seen fit to assall my Democracy, and

It became apparent long before the body met that there would be no fights of a serious nature nature, Colonel Lee and Mr. Churchman having withdrawn from the speakership contest shortly after 3 o'clock, and the opposition to the incumbents in the other positions never having assumed serious proportions.

Messrs. Lee and Churchman were graceful in their behavior. They found that a good many of their supporters were not on the ground in the afternoon, and each realized that he could not win

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The following members were present: Baker, Barham, J. M. Barker, Jr. W. C. Barker, Barnam, J. M. Barker, Jr. W. C. Barker, Barrett, Bland, Booker, Bowman, Brown, Byrd, Cardwell, Caton, Churchman, Clarke, Clement, Cochran, Coleman, Cox, Curlett, Dun, Early, Galnes Gill, Arry C. Glenn, James A. Glenn, Good, Boylan Green, M. M. Green, Gregory, Gwathmey, Haley, Houston, Howle, Jennings, M. M. Johnson, Charles A. Johnson, Lane, Lee, Lewis, Lion, Louderback, Love, Lowry, Mason, Massie, Mitchell, Moncure, McRae, William W. Old, Jr. Eugene Oould, Owens, Parker, Person, Pettit, Peyton, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Prince, Puller, Pulllam, Read, Rew, Rogers, Scott, Slaughter, Snead, Rew, Rogers, Scott, Slaughter, Snead, Spessard, Sterrett, Swift, Sydnor, G. C. Tallaferro, J. L. Tallaferro, Thorn, Inlil, Throckmorton, Trolinger, Walker, Wallace, West, Whitehead, Wilkins, Martin Williams, Wilson, Withers,—84.

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HEAVILY INVOLVED BROKER KILLS HIMSELF

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, OHIO, January 9.—Leand W. Prior, one of the best known men in financial circles in Cloveland, and

firm of Denison, Prior and Company, shot and killed himself in a room at the Holecommon patent medicine literature and a carefully prepared report of a patient, serious and profoundly important investigation.

The specifics employed in these tests are known as the Fulton Compounds, and the results obtained prove conclusively that these dreaded diseases so long fatl have at last yielded to medical science. The pamphist is free. Owens & Minor Drug Co. Richmond.

When to suspect Bright's Discovering the stock brokerage and killed himself in a room at the Holecommon this afternoon. It is understood by persons acquainted with the amount of business done by the firm of Denison, Prior and Company that it is involved in the stock market to the stock brokerage and the Holecommon the Milled himself in a room at the Holecommon of business done by the stock market to the stock that the shock market to the stock that the stock market to the stoc

ORDWAY PULLER AGAINST "GRAFT"

Young Richmond Member Will Offer Important Bills in House To-day.

AFTER WILD-CAT COMPANIES

Measure to Prevent Indiscriminate Granting of Charters By Commission.

Hon. Ordway Puller, of Richmond, promises to be one of the most active of the younger members of the new House of Delegates.

Mr. Puller has a number of measures in contemplation, two of which he will offer in the House to-day at the opening sessions of that body. One relates to the subject of "graft" in the business world, and the other is almed to exterminate the evil of "wild cat" insurance companies. They are both re-

and companies. They are both regarded as measures of interest and importance.

The "anti-graft" bill is modeled largely after the New York law on the subject, and was suggested to Mr. Puller
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An act prohibiting the corrupt influencing of agents, employes or servants.

(1) Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That any person who gives, offers or promises to an agent, employe or servant, any gift or gratuity whatever, without the knowledge and consent of the principal, employer or master of such agent, employe or servant, with intent to influence his action in relation to his principal's, employe's or master's business; or an agent, employe or servant who without the knowledge and consent of his principal, employer or master, refluests or accepts a gift or gratuity or a promise to make a gift or to do an act beneficial to himself, under an agreement or with an understanding that he shall act in any particular manner to his principal's, employer's or master's business; or an agent, employe or servant, who, being authorised to procure materials supplies or other articles either by purchase or contract for his principal, employer or master, or to émploy service or labor for his principal, employer or master, or to émploy service or labor for his principal, employer or master, or to émploy service or labor for his principal, employer or master, or to émploy service or labor, and any peson who gives or offers such an agent, employe or servant such commission, discount or bonus, shall be guilty of a misdemganor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by such fine and by imprisonment for not more than one year.

(2), No witness called to the court in a prosecution under this act, shall ever be proceeded against for any offense hereunder, but such witness shall be compelled to testify, and for refusing to answer a question, may be anneal as un mot ever ave hundred

not exceeding six months.

Insurance Bill.

The insurance bill to be presented by the Richmond member, seeks to amend section 3 of an act concerning corporations, so as to prevent the indiscriminate granting of charters to irresponsible insurance companies. The amendment reads:

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Provided; that before any certificate shall issue to any incorporation, for the purpose of forming an insurance company, having no stock and paying no dividends out of its profits). The incorporation of the penalty of \$10,000, pay able to the Commonwealth of Virginia, conditioned that said company or corporation in the penalty of \$10,000, pay able to the Commonwealth of Virginia, conditioned that said company or corporation when organized will make deposite the treasurer of the State of Virginia, or the treasurer of the Code."

These measures will, when offered, be referred to the Committee on General Laws yet to be appointed.

WHAT GISLATORS

ARE TALKING ABOUT

Back to the lobby of Murphy's the members and politicians went after the accuses last night and they fought over the bottles for public printer and the accuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the accuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the accuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the accuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the accuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the accuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the spoulation of all.

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caucuses last night and they fought over the battles for public printer and the two contested Judgeships in great shape. A move is on foot to hold a session of the joint caucus to-morrow night, but it may not materialize. Indeed, Caprials S. P. Read offered a resolution in the House caucus last night recommending this course, but it came at the end of the session, and amid the confusion incident to adjournment was withdrawn. Captain Read said a Breat many members desired to get rid of these fights as early as possible, so that they could get their minis centered on more important work.

The friends of Judge William Moffitt, of Salem, are showing great activity in behalf of their favorite. Colonel A. M. Bowman has charge of Judge Moffit's interests, and former Senator W. P. Barksdale is putting in some good likes for the Salem jurist. Senator Barksdale was the first Hoffitt supported to arrive, and he went at once to work on the incoming members. A large delegation from Roanoke is here laboring with Delegate Coleman for Judge Moomaw, the incumbent, and Judge Tucker's friends are claiming victory.

The three-cornered battle for Public Printer is full of interest, Hon. Davis Bottom, the incumbent, and his competitors, Messrs. Horace H. Hawkins, of this city, and W. H. Tomney, of Reanoke, are all on the ground and are seekling votes with much industry.

It is the better opinion that the joint caucus will so over until next week.

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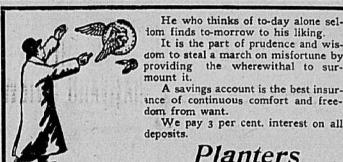
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all the furniture has not been placed in the two houses. The contractor had men at work all of yesterday and up to a late hour last night, placing the restrums

Plans are now being projected by the public school teachers of Richmond for a vigorous campaign to secure from the Logislature a pension system for superannuated members of the profession. Frecisity what form the application will cake is not yet known but it is understeed that it will probably be desired to steed that it will probably be desired to steed that it will probably be desired to provide a pension of about \$200 a year for teachers who have served in the public schools twenty-five years and who are it the experitation of that time physicality incapsoitated for further work. The teachers will enlist the assistance of their friends everywhere and will marshal a powerful array of advocates of the plan.

Delegate John W. Rew, of Accomac county, will likely offer a bill providing a large appropriation for the erection of a suitable Virginia building at the Jamestown Exposition.

a man who had not always supported the party.

"They tell us now," said Dr. Powell, "that we should support an independent over one of the best Democrates in the steep of the party in the results obtained prove one of the best Democrates in the State and a man as brave as Julius Caesar."

"We have always worked so well to rether," said Mr. Pettil, "that I am surprised to hear my friend from Brunswick make that statement."

"I am surprised that the gentleman from Fluvanns came here so much out of order this time," was Dr. Powells' quick from Fluvanns came here so much out of order this time," was Dr. Powells' quick from Fluvanns came here so much out of order this time," was Dr. Powells' quick from Fluvanns came here so much out of order this time," was Dr. Powells' quick from Fluvanns came here so much out of order this time," was Dr. Powells' quick from Fluvanns came here so much out of order this time, weakness with sreat thirst, and at lines voracious appetite.

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tention from the General Assembly. The clubs are, of course, denounced by the Sunday Observance League and this compotition with the legitimate business of the bars has helped to array against them the Liquor Dealers Association as well, it is understood that the clubs will be under fire from all three directions at once.

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Mr. W. H. Tomney, traveling representative of the Roanoke Times, and candidate for State Superintendent of Public Printing, arrived in Richmond yesterday morning from Roanoke. He expects to remain here until the caucus is over.

Surprise Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., January 9.—Mr.
Norman E. Verdery and Miss Virginia
Pearl Candler, both of this city, were
married quietly last night at the parsonage of Centenary alethodist Church. The
marriage came as a total surprise to a
large circle of frieris. Mr. Verdery is
employed with the Dun Mercantile Agency and he has just been transferred to
Atlanta, Ga. He left last night with his
bride for that city.

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